



Program Year 2015 Meaningful Use Guidance for Kentucky Public Health Reporting and Attestation: Stage 2

The Kentucky Health Information Exchange (KHIE) is the designated public health authority (PHA) for the state of Kentucky for the purposes of meaningful use public health reporting.

KHIE provides support for the following Stage 2 meaningful use public health objectives:

- Capability to submit electronic data to the Kentucky Immunization Registry
- Capability to submit electronic data on reportable lab results to the Kentucky Department of Public Health (DPH)
- Capability to submit electronic syndromic surveillance data to CDC's cloud-based model, BioSense 2.0
- Capability to submit electronic cancer reports to the Kentucky Cancer Registry

General Attestation Guidance

All eligible professionals (EPs), eligible hospitals (EHs), and critical access hospitals (CAHs) must have a signed Participation Agreement and signed addendum(s) on file with KHIE for each public health objective selected for attestation. The documents must be signed no later than 60 days of the start of the EHR Meaningful Use reporting period. Note that the agreements and their associated addenda must be signed by all providers, regardless of whether they claim any exclusion(s) for any public health objectives. The addendums include: Immunization Registry Authorization, Syndromic Surveillance Authorization, Disease Surveillance Authorization, and Participating Provider Authorization Kentucky Cancer Registry.

EHR Incentive Program year 2015 participants that claim an exclusion for public health reporting are responsible for ensuring they meet the qualifications and retain any documentation that fully supports their attestation choice.

CMS EHR Incentive Program policies require participants to attest to all public health objectives in the Meaningful Use core set. CMS encourages EPs and EHs to attest YES to a public health objective, if applicable, rather than claiming an exclusion.

Attestation Guidance

Participants who are live on KHIE for a selected public health measure will receive a signed Go-Live Approval form when their data feed transitions from test to production. The form itself indicates the type of feed (immunizations, syndromic surveillance, reportable diseases, cancer registry) that is live with ongoing submission. At the time of attestation, participants must select YES to the public health measure and upload the Go-Live Approval form as proof of status. Note that if you attest to more than one public health objective and the data feeds go live on different dates, you will receive more than one



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Go-Live approval form from KHIE. For Medicaid providers, each form will need to be uploaded to the state level repository as proof of status. Do not claim any exclusions associated with the objective.

Participants who are not yet live for a selected public health objective can request a Meaningful Use Confirmation form provided they meet the following criteria:

- i) Signed Participation Agreement and associated addendum(s) on file with KHIE
- ii) Completed intake call with the KHIE team
- iii) Confirmation the participant's EHR vendor is 2014 certified for the selected public health objective
- iv) Confirmation the participant's EHR vendor has established connectivity with KHIE for the selected public health objective

For additional Meaningful Use guidance, please refer to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.